

CHURCHVILLE, CRESWELL, FOUNTAIN GREEN COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2015

Board Attendees: Donna Mandl, Tracie Young, Thomas Norris, Paula Harman, Lawrason Sayre, Michael Lozinak, Jay DuBree, and James Hamilton, Jr.

Other Attendees: Patrick Vincenti, Drew McAuliffe, Ron Walls, John Mullumo, Captain Jon Krass, Andrew Tress, Jadyn Hickman, Mike Tarquini

- I. The meeting minutes for the April 2015 Advisory Board Meeting were approved (motion by Jay Dubree, seconded by Tom Norris). The meeting minutes from the May 2015 Advisory Board Meeting were approved (motion by Jay Dubree, seconded by Tom Norris).
- II. The Board approved the move of the meeting from Harford Technical High School to the community meeting room at Churchville Presbyterian Church (motion by Michael Lozinak, seconded by Tom Norris).
- III. Sheriff's Office Update- Captain J. Krass gave a brief report on criminal activity in the advisory board area. Arrests have been made in the purse theft ring reported on at the May 2015 meeting. Captain Krass noted that with school ending and kids out – it is recommended not to leave valuables in cars or other areas where they can readily viewed and possibly stolen. The Captain noted that there is usually an increase in snatch and grab crimes in the summer.
- IV. Presentation – Ron Walls – Walking Trail to Prospect Mill Park. Mr. Walls presented on his idea for a walking trail to connect from Milching Way in Tudor Manor through Marks Street off Prospect Mill Road into the Prospect Mill Park. There is an existing 1.1 mile nature trail from Prospect Mill Park to the Observatory at Harford Community College. The goal would be for residents of the County to be able to walk or bike from Bel Air to HCC in a safe environment. The trail from Milching Way to Prospect Mill Park would be approximately 500'. Paula Harman moved for the Board to send a letter to the County Executive in support of the trail, seconded by Tom Norris. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair to draft a letter of support to the County.
- V. County Reports- Andrew Tress reported on some staffing changes at the Office of Citizens' Affairs and the redesign of the County website. Interested persons on the website redesign can submit comments to the County government.

It was reported that Animal Control is now under the authority of the Sheriff's Department. A brief discussion ensued over the feral cat problem in the County and the TNR- trap, neuter, return policy.

It was reported that the County landfill is being privatized to be run by MES.

- VI. Planning and Zoning- Councilman Vincenti shared a request to the County from Grace United Methodist Church on Rt. 22. The church would like an electric sign on its premises- but is currently not properly zoned for an electric sign (the church is currently zoned agricultural property). Properties across Rt. 22 from the church are properly zoned for electric signs. Mr. Vincenti noted that the County Council may consider a bill to amend the agricultural zoning requirements to allow for an electric sign. Mr. Vincenti noted that such a bill might be put forth in October/November 2015.

A lengthy discussion ensued of Board member, Jay DuBree's wish list for Planning and Zoning Updates. Additional items suggested for amendment/inclusion were:

1. Make the Master Plan a legally binding document (new).
2. Give a bonus/priority for property owners who transfer development rights out of the Churchville/Creswell area (item #9 on Mr. DuBree's list)
3. Make sure that exterior visible light from properties is controlled and limited to the property boundary to preserve the night sky (item #6)
4. Agricultural facilities used for non-agricultural purposes- such use shall be limited to secondary purposes with assurances that such secondary uses cannot exceed the existing infrastructure requirements/limitations for the area.

The Board noted that the goal of the Master Plan update for our area would be to preserve and maintain the rural and agricultural nature of the Churchville, Fountain Green, Creswell area. It was agreed that the Chair would draft a letter to be sent to Planning & Zoning with the above changes, forwarded Board member DuBree's list.

- VII. Board member Mike Lozinak brought up a concern about the Regent at Stone House project and neighborhood concerns that the project may draw significantly from the existing water table, effecting neighboring properties. Andrew Tress noted that this would be a Health Department issue and suggested that concerned homeowners contact the Health Department about this concern as the project moves through the permitting phases.
- VIII. Andrew Tress noted that letters had been received from Ecotone regarding work on Millbrook stream- erosion control. Mr. Tress noted that his office is handling this matter.
- IX. It was noted at the conclusion of the meeting that a special guest was in attendance, Jadyn Hickman. Jadyn is a Boy Scout and was attending the meeting to earn a merit badge for civics.
- X. The next Board meeting will be September 24, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.